

**Town of Bethany Beach
Planning Commission Minutes
April 18, 2009**

The Bethany Beach Planning Commission held a meeting on Saturday, April 18, 2009 in the Bethany Beach Town Hall, 214 Garfield Parkway, Bethany Beach, DE 19930.

The following members were present: Fulton Loppatto, Donald Doyle, Faith Denault and John Gaughan. Lew Killmer and Kathleen Mink were officially excused from this meeting.

Also present: Mayor Tony McClenny, John Eckrich, Building Inspector, Seville Pettit, Administrative Secretary, Patricia Titus of the Coastal Point and interested members of the public.

The meeting was called to order at 9:03 a.m.

OPENING OF MEETING

Approval of Agenda

Ms. Denault made a motion to approve the agenda. The motion was seconded by Mr. Gaughan and unanimously approved.

Discussion/ Approval of the Planning Commission Minutes of February 21, 2009

Mr. Doyle made a motion to approve the minutes dated February 21, 2009; the motion was seconded by Mr. Gaughan and unanimously approved. Ms. Denault abstained, due to an excused absence.

Announcements/ Comments/ Updates

Non-Residential Design Review Update (Loppatto)

Mr. Loppatto reported on comments provided by Mr. Killmer for the Non-Residential Design Review Committee meeting. The biggest issues were signs for the Blue Surf Commercial Stores. There will be eleven commercial properties on the first level with twelve signs. Also, there will be a Grotto's Pizza restaurant sign located on the second floor, with red lettering.

The application was approved by the DRC with no conditions. The applicant's plans met all the requirements of the Bethany Beach Zoning Code as well as the Town's Design Guidelines.

Comments/ Updates Regarding the April Town Council Meeting (All)

Mr. Loppatto stated on reviewing the updated Town Code, the section for the Zoning was missing out of the document. The section will be provided soon for reviewing.

Also, the following agenda items were discussed:

- Collins Street will be getting temporary speed bumps for the summer season.
- The Town will now be providing wireless in the park next to the Town Hall.
- The Town Council voted to ask the Town Solicitor to draft an ordinance change to increase the terms of office for Council Members to 3 years and to limit Council Members to serving 6 consecutive years.

Comments, Q&A and Discussion for Planning Commissioner Members

There was no discussion at this time.

PUBLIC COMMENT/ QUESTIONS FOR THE PLANNING COMMISSION

There was no discussion at this time.

NEW BUSINESS

There was no new business at this time.

OLD BUSINESS

Geothermal Heating/Cooling Roundtable Discussion Draft F (Loppatto)

Final review and vote on the proposed Geothermal Legislation. Direct Mr. Eckrich to send out the Planning Commission's approved Geothermal Energy Legislation to DNREC and attendees of the Roundtable Discussion Group

Mr. Loppatto reported that the changes were made to the ordinance draft that was requested by DNREC and the contractors present at the meeting. The next step is for Mr. Eckrich to send the document to DNREC and the contractors.

Mr. Gaughan made a motion to move the document forward to DNREC and the contractors that were present at the meeting for preparation to present to the Town Council. The motion was seconded by Ms. Denualt and unanimously approved.

Review and discuss Kathleen Mink's second draft of proposed topics/questions for the Planning Commission's proposed survey. (Mink/Loppatto)

Mr. Loppatto stated that Ms. Mink has done an excellent job on the proposed survey. He also noted the objective is to cover two areas one being the market segments and the other is survey questions.

The Planning Commission members began to review the propose topics and questions for the proposed survey.

ADJOURN

Ms. Denault made a motion to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Mr. Gaughan and unanimously approved. The meeting was adjourned at 10:59 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Seville Pettit
Administrative Secretary

PLANNING COMMISSION
ACTION ITEMS
April 18, 2009

1. Mr. Loppatto to provide suggestions for the propose survey to the Planning Commission members.
2. Mr. Eckrich to send Geo-thermal to DNREC and contractors.